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1. THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY TODAY (THURSDAY, JUNE 26) FORMALY NOTIFIED THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION THAT THE UNITED STATES AID MISSION TO LAOS HAS BEEN TERMINATED AS OF THURSDAY, JUNE 26 AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WASHINGTON HAS ORDERED ALL REMAINING USAID PERSONNEL TO DEPART THE COUNTRY IMMEDIATELY.

2. A FORMAL NOTE FROM THE EMBASSY ANNOUNCING THIS ACTION WAS DELIVERED THURSDAY MORNING TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

3. THE US GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO TERMINATE USAID BEFORE THE JUNE 30 DEADLINE AGREED UPON BY THE PGNU AND THE EMBASSY LAST MAY 27 BECAUSE NEGOTIATIONS ON TERMINATION HAVE NOT PROCEEDED IN A MANNER WHICH WILL PERMIT AN ORDERLY BILATERAL RESOLUTION OF ISSUES BY JUNE 30.

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4. ACTING USAID DIRECTOR GORDON RAMSEY AND THE ONE REMAINING

USAID STAFFER DEPARTED VIENTIANE BY REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL AIR CRAFT THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

5. THE EMBASSY NOTIFIED THE MINISTRY THAT USAID/LAOS HAS RELINQUISHED TO THE PGNU CONTROL OF ALL UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT PROPERTY, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT IN LAOS PERTAINING TO THE USAID PROGRAM. ASIDE FROM THIS PROGRAM, THE NOTIFICATION ALSO COVERS ALL BUILDINGS, MATERIALS, AND EQUIPMENT IN THE NA HAI DIAO COMPOUND, INCLUDING THOSE BELONGING TO THE DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE OF THE EMBASSY AS WELL AS THE CLUB, POOL AND COMMISSARY BELONGING TO THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION.

6. THE EMBASSY CONSIDERS THAT ALL THIS PROPERTY IS NOW UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE PGNU.

7. HOWEVER, RELINQUISHMENT OF CONTROL DOES NOT MEAN ABROGATION OF THE RIGHT OF THE US GOVERNMENT TO PROPERTY, MATERIALS, AND EQUIPMENT NOT COVERED BY PROJECT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN USAID AND THE GOVERNMENT OF LAOS.

8. ANY QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO AID WILL NOW BE HANDLED BY THE US EMBASSY, WHICH WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THEM WITH THE PGNU.

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